added that the Working Group on Fertilizers for the Eighth Plan, constituted by the Planning Commission, have recommended in their report that considering the magnitude of investment in setting up grass-root plants of 1350 tpd ammonia and 2200 tpd urea as also availability of reportedly equally energy and cost effective alternative technology, the additional capacity during the Eighth Plan and beyond need not be confined to large sized plants only. The Group has further recommended consideration of mini-sized (i.e. 400-600 tpd) ammonia plants as an alternative for additional capacity creation. Location-specific studies will have to be carried out by the entrepre-neures themselves before bringing up proposals for setting up small sized plants for consideration of the Government.

Indo-Nepal rail link between Raxaul and Kathmandu

3682. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a high level delegation of railway board visited Nepal to negotiate the setting up of the first-ever Indo-Nepal rail link between Raxaul and Kathmandu;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been reached;

(c) the details thereof;

(d) to what extent the tourist would be benefited with this ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Revamping of Fertilizer Units

3683. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed revamping of two fertilizer units;

(b) if so, whether closure of the 4 ailing units of the Fertilizer Corporation of India has been withdrawn; and

(c) if so, what is the total amount approved for the revamping of the two fertilizer Units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOP MENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRI CULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA) : (a) to (c) Government have pproved a proposal for revamping d chnology upgradation of Gorakhpur Plant of FCI at a cost of Rs. 66.65 crores. FCI sent a proposal for Phase-I Rehabilitation of coal based Ramagundam Fertilizer Plant including 40 MW Captive Power Plant at a cost of Rs. 102.31 crores. However, no final decision has been taken. There is no proposal, at present, to close any of the four units of FCI.

Introduction of new train to meet tourist traffic

3684. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : I Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be 1 pleased to state :

I (a) whether it is a fact that more trains were introduced to meet the tourist traffic in the country;

(b) if so, the number of trains intro duced;

(c) to what extent, the rush of the peo-ple could be managed by introduction of new trains; and

(d) whether the introduction of new trains would continue ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE j MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI AJAY SINGH : (a) Yes, Sir. Trains Iwere introduced to meet the touristtraffic

I (b) A total of 83 trains in 1988-89 and 80 trains in 1989-90 were introduced all over the country.

(c) This cannot be precisely quantified.
However, it provided relief to clear the rush
in proportion to the trains introduced.

(d) Introduction of new trains is a continuous process on Indian Railways sub
ject to availability of resources.

Implementation of Nehru Rozgar Yojana in Madhya Pradesh

3685. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT 'be pleased to state :

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh Government has intensified its activities in implementing the Nehru Rozgar Yojana scheme in the state from 1990 onward;

(b) if so, the total allocations made therefor; and

(c) the amount utilised by the State Government so far ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVE LOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total allocations in 1989-90 and 1990-91 made by the Central Government for NRY Schemes in Madhya Pradesh is Rs. 22.26 crores. The State Government has made a budgetary provision of Rs. 4.92 crores towards the state share for this scheme.

(c) The information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

बाढ़ पीड़ित क्षेत्रों से क्षतिग्रस्त फसलों की खरीद

3686. **श्री प्रभाकर राव कलवला** : क्या **कृषि** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले वर्ष के दौरान अब तक मध्य प्रदेश, गुजरात और आन्ध्र प्रदेश में कितनी फसल क्षतिग्रस्त हुई है और प्रत्येक राज्य के संबंध में उसका जिले वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या सरकार इन बाढ़-पीड़ित क्षेत्रों के किसानों की क्षतिग्रस्त फसलों को अच्छे दामों पर खरीदने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) क्या सरकार इन किसानों को कुछ वित्तीय सहायता देने का विचार भी रखती है; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (ख) और (ग) का उत्तर "ना" हो तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि एवं सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नितिश कुमार) : (क) आन्ध्र प्रदेश, गुजरात और मध्य प्रदेश राज्यों में 1989 और 1990 के दौरान, राज्य सरकारों द्वारा दी गई जानकारी के अनुसार, बाढ़ों के कारण हुई क्षति के सस्यगत क्षेत्र की मात्रा निम्न प्रकार है :—

(लाख हैक्टेयर में)

क्रम संख्या	राज्य का नाम	प्रभावित 1989	संस्यगत क्षेत्र 1990
1.	आन्ध्र प्रदेश . . .	7.44	अभी सूचना नहीं मिली है**
2.	गुजरात . . .	0.23	6.75
3.	मध्य प्रदेश . . .	शून्य	0.036

**तथापि मई, 1990 में समुद्री तूफान और उसके फलस्वरूप आयी बाढ़ों के कारण केवल आन्ध्र प्रदेश में 4.06 लाख हैक्टेयर क्षेत्र प्रभावित हुआ था ।

(ख) इस वर्ष के दौरान केवल आन्ध्र प्रदेश राज्य सरकार ने केन्द्र सरकार से समुद्री तूफान और उसके फलस्वरूप आयी बाढ़ों से प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में भारतीय खाद्य निगम द्वारा